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Statement from Secretary of Education Holcombe following Burlington School District Resignations

BARRE – Following today’s announcement by the Interim Administrative Team at the Burlington School District of their joint resignations effective November 10, Secretary Rebecca Holcombe released the following statement:

“The Agency has been monitoring and will continue to monitor the situation in Burlington to ensure appropriate processes are in place, and appropriate efforts being made, to get the Burlington School District through its current crisis. We will respond as warranted, will provide support as requested, and are available to assist the district in its search for an interim superintendent.

“The Burlington School District Board needs to put aside any individual agendas, and put the focus back on kids and putting in place the people and processes that will enable the schools and students to thrive. The board needs to move as quickly as possible to post a search for an interim superintendent, and work quickly and responsibly to get a high-quality individual in place.

“Above all, the board needs to recommit to the integrity and efficiency of a search for a new full-time superintendent, and commit to getting behind the new superintendent so he or she can do the important work of serving the children of Burlington.

“We offer our profound thanks to the staff who have kept the schools running and are working hard for the benefit of the students, despite the turnover.”

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